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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2002, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the indicated claims with:

1. (Amended) A closure device, comprising:

first and second interlocking fastening strips arranged to be interlocked over a predetermined x axis between first and second ends, the fastening strips being secured together at the first and second ends;

a slider slidably disposed on the fastening strips for movement between the first and second ends, the slider facilitating occlusion of the fastening strips when moved towards the first end, the slider including a separator for facilitating the deocclusion of the fastening strips when the slider is moved towards the second end wherein the slider has a back plate and first and second sidewalls and the separator depends from the back plate and the separator's position is fixed relative to the positions of the first and second sidewalls; and

the first fastening strip includes a first flange portion which extends inward toward the second fastening strip, a first altered flange portion near the first end of the first fastening strip.

16. (Amended) A container comprising:

first and second sidewalls to form a compartment with an opening;